

# *Asclepias tuberosa*

## Butterfly Weed



Also called pleurisy root. Spectacular in bloom: large, flat clusters of brilliant orange flowers above the leaves. (Occasionally flowers are yellow or red.) Loved by butterflies and hummingbirds. Seedpods are attractive all winter. Easy to grow.

***Suggested companions:*** little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) and other prairie grasses, early-blooming goldenrods (*Solidago* sp.) and asters (*Aster* sp.), wild lupine (*Lupinus perennis*), white false indigo (*Baptisia lactea*).

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Plant Type: Wildflower

Size: 1-3' H  
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Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:  
Open field/ Prairie

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Sandy/ Gravelly

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:  
Orange

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:  
June  
July

Other Attributes:  
Butterfly attracting  
Bird attracting  
Winter interest  
Deer resistant